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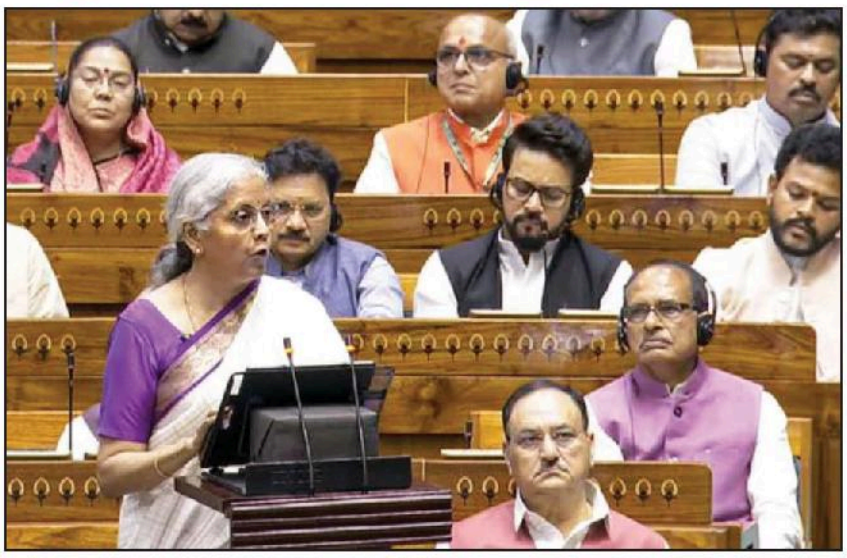
# UNION BUDGET



*Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presenting Budget today.*

New Delhi, July 23 (Agencies)- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the Modi Government's nine priorities and four pillars to take the country forward as she presented the Union Budget for the year 2024-2025 in the Parliament this morning.

She said, the Government will make sustained efforts on nine priorities for '*Viksit Bharat*', listing them as productivity and resilience in agriculture, employment and skilling, improved human resources, social justice, manufacturing and services, urban development, energy security, infrastructure, innovation, research and development, and next-gen reforms.

"As mentioned in the interim Budget, we need to focus on four different sections: the poor, women, youth and the farmers," the Minister said as she presented her seventh Budget.

She announced that Rs. 1.48 lakh crore has been set aside for education, employment and skilling.

**(See UNION BUDGET on page 6)**

## Key highlights

- Rs. 1.48 lakh crore for education, employment & skilling
- 4.1 crore youth to get skill training, other opportunities
- PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana to benefit 80 crore people
- Long-term capital gains tax increased from 10% to 12.5%
- Relief to start-ups as angel tax abolished

### Income Tax rates

| From | Percentage |
|---|---|
| Rs. 0-3 lakh | Nil |
| Rs. 3-7 lakh | 5 percent |
| Rs. 7-10 lakh | 10 percent |
| Rs. 10-12 lakh | 15 percent |
| Rs. 12-15 lakh | 20 percent |
| Above Rs. 15 lakh | 30 percent |

**Standard deduction increases from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 75,000**

## Governor seeks report on MUDA site scam

*Gehlot*

Bengaluru, July 23 (Agencies)- In response to the public demand for a transparent investigation into the 50:50 site distribution scam at the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), where wealthy and influential politicians have allegedly benefited, Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has sought a report from the State Government.

The site scam has come to light over the past month and the names of high-profile individuals, including Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, have figured. Numerous representations have been made to the Governor by political parties and citizen organisations, calling for a free and fair investigation.

Governor Gehlot has directed Chief Secretary Rajneesh Goel to submit a detailed report on MUDA affairs and the site distribution. This intervention is significant as there are allegations that Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi, was sanctioned 14 plots in upscale Vijayanagar layout in exchange for a 3.16-acre land at Kesare-Devanur in her name acquired by MUDA.

According to the rules, Parvathi was eligible for only two sites, but there are allegations that Siddaramaiah used his political power and influence to force MUDA and the Mysuru District Administration to sanction 14 sites.

A controversy has already erupted over the actual ownership and rights of the 3.16-acre land, which was gifted to Parvathi by her brother, B.M. Mallikarjunaswamy. The family of the original landowners has demanded compensation.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has denied any wrongdoing, stating that MUDA allotted the 14 sites according to the law and no rules were violated. However, the Opposition BJP and JD(S) have alleged deep-rooted corruption in MUDA and have demanded an impartial probe.

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**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Tuesday 23rd July 2024


## 'Best Optician' awardee

***Sadiq Sait** (centre), **Proprietor, Ismail Optical Co., Mysuru, receiving the 'Best Optician - Mysuru' at the Karnataka Business Samrat Awards Ceremony held at Ambedkar Bhavan in Bengaluru on July 12.***

Mysuru, July 23- Sadiq Sait, Proprietor, Ismail Optical Co., Mysuru, was awarded 'Best Optician - Mysuru' at the Karnataka Business Samrat Awards Ceremony held at Ambedkar Bhavan in Bengaluru on July 12.

The Awards Ceremony was organised by Anyelp Groups and Zee Kannada News.

Ismail Optical on Sayyaji Rao Road, founded by Abubakar Ismail Sait (grandfather of Sadiq Sait) and registered as A. Ismail & Bros on Feb. 16, 1932, was the first store selling optical devices, particularly spectacles with corrective lenses in city.

As part of its commitment to enhancing eye health and awareness, Ismail Optical regularly offers free Computerised Eye Testing, to all Government and private factories, offices, banks, schools and colleges.

Free eye camps have been conducted in association with Rotary Clubs, Lions Clubs and Round Table.

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## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

RAMA'S FIRST BATTLE: ***Devotees often speak to God or their guru about their inner turbulence and pray for relief from the same. Typically, such a state of mind is a result of dilemma over following dharma and can be overcome by learning lessons from the Ramayana, said Swami Mittranandaji. Rama's first battle was against Tataka, the ogress, whom Lakshmana and he encounter when they accompany sage Viswamitra to his abode. A once fertile field was now the hunting ground of Tataka, who revelled in destroying hermitages and unleashing terror on all, including ascetics.***

***Married to the demon Sunda, Tataka, who possessed the strength of a thousand elephants (due to a boon granted by Brahma to her father), and her son Maricha terrorised the region. Viswamitra ordered Rama to kill her. One may ask if it is right to kill a female. However, Tataka was not an ordinary woman, but a fierce ogress bent upon destroying everything that is good. Only Rama could destroy her and Viswamitra advised him not to be misled by feelings of compassion for her, as she was nothing but a force of evil. When one's duty is to protect, one must not have doubts about the means to be deployed.***

***Thiruvalluvar says, "Avail yourself of all opportunities. Do not cease from practising dharma on all possible occasions to the best of your ability." Rama obediently killed Tataka with a powerful arrow, performing his first act of dharma, thereby ending the hardship faced by countless humans and other forest creatures and bringing peace upon the region. His act of divinity continues to light the path for numerous devotees on the importance of following the righteous path.***

*—In The Hindu*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Orange lobster spared from dinner plate

Denver: The manager of a Red Lobster restaurant in Colorado said a rare orange lobster that arrived at the eatery will be taking a permanent crustacean vacation to the Denver Aquarium.

The orange lobster was spotted by Jose Romero, a dishwasher at the Pueblo restaurant and the General Manager decided to spare the rare-coloured invertebrate from the dinner plate.

The general manager said lobsters with rare colours, such as orange and blue, are usually sifted out before the shipment arrives at individual restaurants, but this one slipped through the system.

Orange colouration is believed to occur in only one out of every 30 million lobsters.

### Gamer's 75-hour session breaks world record

Lagos: A Nigerian man played mobile game Dream League Soccer 2023 for 75 consecutive hours, breaking a Guinness World Record.

The record-keeping organization said Oside "Khoded" Oluwole broke the record for the longest video game marathon playing a soccer game, besting the 50-hour record set by Englishman David Whitefoot in 2022.

Guinness said Oluwole is the first holder of the record to have used Dream League Soccer to seek the title, as previous holders have opted for FIFA or Pro Evolution Soccer.

Oluwole connected his iPhone to a TV screen for his gaming marathon, during which he was allowed a 5-minute break every hour, and he was allowed to bank his breaks for longer rest times. "It wasn't an easy task, but I must say it was all fun," Oluwole told Guinness World Records.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

Tobacco smoke is a major contributor to respiratory diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and lung cancer. Quitting smoking is one of the most impactful steps for lung health.

***By Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan R - Consultant - Pulmonology***
***Manipal Hospital, Mysore***

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LIFE'S ON

*** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature***

## ACC Women's Asia Cup 2024

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- **Pakistan Vs UAE** - 2 pm
- **India Vs Nepal** - 7 pm

*Venue:* Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

- **Thailand 96/9 in 20 overs** LOST TO **Bangladesh 100/3 in 17.3 overs**
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| Yesterday's level **123.20 feet** | Yesterday's level **2,282.40 feet** | Yesterday's level **2,855.25 feet** |
| Today's Inflow **40,029 cusecs** | Today's Inflow **20,386 cusecs** | Today's Inflow **5,871 cusecs** |
| Today's Outflow **45,327 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **13,542 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **4,000 cusecs** |

## REALLY...?

- ***Mosquitoes don't have teeth. The females "bite" with a long, pointed mouthpart called as proboscis. They use the serrated proboscis to pierce the skin and locate a capillary, then draw blood through one of two tubes.***
- ***A mosquito can drink up to three times its weight in blood. It would take about 1.2 million bites to drain all the blood from human body.***

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***I had a fight with the Electricity Board Ltd., said Alvin. "Who won?" asked Thelma. "It was a draw," said Alvin. "I do not get electricity and they do not get any money!"***

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 83.63 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 108.04 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 22.77 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 91.03 |

## VOICE OF THE READER

### Malfunctioning Traffic Signal Lights opposite V.V. Puram Police Station

Sir,

This is a request to urgently address a persistent issue regarding the traffic signal lights opposite V.V Puram Police Station. For more than three months now, these lights have been operating intermittently, functioning for about a week before remaining non-functional for approximately ten days thereafter.

This inconsistency has posed significant challenges for both motorists and pedestrians alike. Even during the brief periods when the signal lights are operational, this junction is notorious for traffic signal jumpers — especially by two-wheelers — and instances of drivers violating lane discipline by facing incoming traffic after the central median.

Now, with the signals functioning intermittently, these habitual violators of traffic rules are taking advantage and causing disorder with impunity.

I appeal to the authorities concerned to prioritise the repair of these traffic signal lights without delay.

It is imperative to alleviate the hardships faced by the public and reinstate safe and regulated traffic management at this critical busy junction.

**—K. Chandrahas**
**on e-mail**
Mysuru
17.7.2024

# KSRTC hands over Rs. 10 lakh relief to deceased passenger's kin

Mysuru, July 23 (MTY&BS)- The wife of a person, who met his tragic end while alighting a KSRTC bus, has been handed over a relief of Rs. 10 lakh from KSRTC Accident Relief Fund.

T. Puttaswamy (80) of Palahalli in Srirangapatna taluk, Mandya, had lost his life when he allegedly slipped while getting down from a KSRTC bus at Palahalli bus stand on May 19 at 9.50 pm. He had travelled to Palahalli from Mysuru in Bus Route No. 307 from City Bus Stand.

Following this, Srirangapatna Police had registered a case. After completing due procedures, KSRTC Mysuru Urban Division handed over a relief cheque for Rs. 10 lakh to Jayamma, wife of Puttaswamy. H.T. Veeresh, Divisional Controller, KSRTC Urban Division, who handed over the cheque said "Whenever a passenger dies in accident while travelling in KSRTC bus or a pedestrian dies in accident involving KSRTC bus, the dependants of deceased are liable for a compensation of Rs. 10 lakh from KSRTC Accident Relief Fund. However, compensation will not be extended to those killed in accident involving KSRTC buses, irrespective of two-wheelers & other vehicles."

*H.T. Veeresh, Divisional Controller, KSRTC Mysuru Urban Division, handing over relief cheque to Jayamma as Divisional Traffic Officer (DTO) S.S. Dasharath looks on.*

# Obituary

**P.G. Sathyanarayana**

Mysuru, July 23- P.G. Sathyanarayana (86), retired Post Master, Secretary of Mysore District Masters Athletics Association and a resident of D. Subbaiah Road in Chamaraja Mohalla, passed away in the wee hours of today in city.

He leaves behind one son, daughter, brother P.G. Chandrashekar (PGC) and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources

**B.N. Gundu Rao**

B.N. Gundu Rao (89), retired Police Inspector and a resident of Gayathripuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Maniamma, son advocate Manjunath, daughters Suma and Uma and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening, according to family sources.

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| 3 | PRT | [a] Senior Secondary School certificate with 50% or equivalent CGPA or Intermediate or its equivalent with 50% marks or equivalent CGPA.<br>(b) Two years Diploma in Education (D.Ed.) or Bachelor in Elementary Education (B.El.Ed.). English as a subject in class XII is mandatory. Proficiency in teaching in English medium<br>OR<br>Graduation (50%) & B.Ed. | Salary : Rs.21,250/- per month (consolidated) OR Rs. 170/- per period restricted to maximum 5 periods a day<br>Age : 40 years or less as on 01.03.2024. |

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| **Date of Registration and written test for all the above posts** | **01.08.2024** |
| **Date of Interview for all the qualified candidates** | **02.08.2024** |

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| **Timings for registration of candidates** | **From 09.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. (on 1.8.2024)** |
| **Timings for Written Test – PGTs & PRT** | **From 10.30 a.m. to 12.00 Noon (MCQ type) (on 1.8.2024)<br>Subject matter –50 questions, 50 marks – Duration: 1½ hour** |
| **Venue of written test & Skill Test** | **Atomic Energy Central School, RMP Yelwal Colony, Hunsur Road, Yelwal Post, Mysore.** |

**NOTE :**

1. All degrees should be from recognized institutions.
2. Age Relaxation for all the posts : SC/ST- 5 years, OBC – 3 years , Women candidates 10 years , PHC as per Govt. of India rules.
3. Knowledge of computer operation is desirable.
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Date : 22.07.2024 Place: Mysore **Principal**

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Training for heads of Co-op. Societies

The Mysuru Regional Office of Karnataka Rajya Souharda Samyukta Sahakari Nigama (Co-operative Societies), Bengaluru, will be conducting a subject-based training and contact programme for Presidents, Vice-Presidents, Directors and CEOs of Co-operative Societies, at Hotel Sri Guru Residency, near Hotel Metropole, on JLB Road, at 10 am tomorrow (July 24). For details, contact Ph: 0821-2332299.

### Power disruption

Owing to emergency maintenance works at Vijayanagar Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Yadavagiri, Manjunathapura and surrounding areas, according to a release from the Executive Engineer (EE), Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC), V.V. Mohalla Division.

### Grand Jugalbandi on July 28

Vid. Mukund

Vid. Sameer

N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised a Grand Jugalbandi by Vid. L.V. Mukund (flute), disciple of Dr. N. Ramani and Vid. Sameer Rao (bansuri), disciple of Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, at Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple on Shivaji Road in N.R. Mohalla on July 28 at 6.30 pm. They will be accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and Vid. Adarsh Shenoy on tabla.

### Ayurveda Camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, Mysuru, has organised a medical camp on skin diseases at its premises from 9 am to 4.30 pm till July 31. People having problems like psoriasis, dry skin, allergic dermatitis, eczema, skin rashes and hyper pigmentation may avail the benefit of the camp. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 98864-85005.

### College admission

Yuvaraja's College, Mysuru, has invited applications from PUC-passed students for admission to unfilled seats in first year B.Sc and BBA Under-Graduate courses in the college. The admission will be open till July 31.

# Dr. Vijaya Dabbe Award conferred

Mysuru, July 23 (MTY&DM)- Writer and retired Professor in Department of Translation Studies at Kannada University, Hampi, Dr. M. Usha, was conferred with the prestigious 'Dr. Vijaya Dabbe Literary Award' by Pune's Symbiosis Law College Dean Dr. Shashikala Gurpur at a programme organised by Samatha Adhyayana Kendra at Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram here on Sunday.

The Samatha Adhyayana Kendra had selected Dr. Usha's novel 'Baala Batte,' published by the city's Aharnishi Prakashana. The award carried a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 and a citation.

*Writer Dr. M. Usha, who was conferred with 'Dr. Vijaya Dabbe Literary Award' by Samatha Adhyayana Kendra at Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram, Mysuru, on Sunday, is seen with Pune's Symbiosis Law College Dean Dr. Shashikala Gurpur and others.*

Speaking after conferment of the award, Dr. Shashikala Gurpur said that Dr. Vijaya Dabbe was one of the foremost feminist in the world who always fought for the cause of women.

Maintaining that Dr. Vijaya Dabbe was among the few who imbibed the feminist insights in a simple and disciplined manner, she said that there was sheer strength in Vijaya's writings, personality and struggles.

Retired Principal Prof. T.S. Subramanya, who was also an associate of Dr. Vijaya Dabbe, said that Prof. Vijaya Dabbe, who was also a noted poetess, propagated that men too should be part of feminine movements. Her life is a pride as well as amazing, he said adding that Vijaya was never scared of anyone or anything in her college days.

Noting that Vijaya remained silent, involving herself in reading, Prof. Subramanya said that Vijaya tried to get a job for self empowerment. However, when she failed to find one, she used to publicly question whether there was no place for honesty in the society.

"Vijaya advocated that women should get freedom from mental slavery. She also used to say that feminists are not against men and she used to point out that her struggles were against the follies in the male dominated system," he said.

Reminiscing on the days when Vijaya served as a faculty of Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS), he said that she got her Ph.D by doing research on Nagachandra, a 12th Century Kannada poet, who was also known as Abhinava Pampa. "Vijaya was a writer and an activist. She married a foreign national, much against the wishes of her family. As she did not get support for her marriage from relatives, she got deeply disappointed. She lost memory power after getting seriously injured in an accident. Later, she left for her native village Dabbe and began her new life afresh by learning the Alphabets. Subsequently she began to read, write and speak, much to the astonishment of many, including the Medical world. However, this was shortlived as she suffered a heart attack and passed away, leaving us in grief," Prof. Subramanya recalled while getting emotional.

Also, the winners of various contests organised as part of the event, were distributed prizes on the occasion.

**Poetry Competition:** Y.S. Abhishek of Kuvempu Institute of Kannada Studies (KIKS) - 1st prize; K. Ruzwana of Davangere University - 2nd and Amit M. Kudache of Davangere University - 3rd.

**Humorous Essay Writing (Lalitha Prabandha):** R. Navya of Kannada Department of Kerala Central University, Kasaragod - 1st prize; Dr. K.S. Mustafa of Kodagu - 2nd and S. Sandhya of Mangalore University - 3rd.

Samatha Adhyayana Kendra President Dr. Sabiha Bhoomigowda, Dharmadarshi Ramakrishna Joshi, Vice-President B.C. Manjula, Secretary R. Sunandamma, Joint Secretary P. Omkar, Treasurer Vijaya Rao, Judges Prof. Anand Gopal and Prof. R.S. Ashwini and others were present.

# 4,000 houses to be allotted in KR Constituency in the next three years: MLA Srivatsa

Mysuru, July 23 (MTY&BS)- Krishnaraja (KR) Constituency MLA T.S. Srivatsa has assured to take measures to allot 4,000 houses to houseless in the next three years.

He was speaking during a programme organised to symbolically distribute the title deeds, release of rights documents and No Objection Certificates (NOC), to the beneficiaries of Ashraya Houses of KR Constituency — Savitri, Kamalamma, Shivarudra, Lakshmamma and Krishnamurthy — at the Old Council Hall of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) recently.

Srivatsa said: "Measures have been taken to construct and allot houses under Ashraya and other schemes in KR Constituency. The beneficiaries should not sell the houses at any cost and neither should they rent it out. Instead they should reside in the houses allotted to them."

Besides, a multi-storeyed building is being constructed at Lalithadripura and 1,660 more housing units will be built, with the works expected to start soon. Funds have been earmarked for building 395 housing units for Scheduled Caste (SC) beneficiaries, added MLA Srivatsa.

*KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa distributing title deeds, release of rights documents and No Objection Certificates (NOC) to the beneficiaries of Ashraya Houses of KR Constituency at the MCC's Old Council Hall recently.*

While the errors in documents are being rectified and the housing units are being allotted at Ashokapuram, measures will be taken to construct the houses for poor having lands of their own, with the financial assistance provided by the Government, said the KR MLA.

"When I was elected as MLA one year ago, there were complaints about non-issuance of title deeds and release of rights document. Taking them into cognisance, the steps are taken to solve them, after discussing with the officials. The Government schemes should not derail and the poor should not be harassed for money while extending the benefits of Government schemes to them," cautioned Srivatsa.

Additional Commissioner of MCC Kusuma said that the relevant preparations were made to distribute all the documents together, after taking into note the plight of the people who were running from pillar to post, due to the delay in getting title deeds.

Jayaram of Ashraya Committee, Office Assistant Umesh and Madan were present.

# Inter-district two-wheeler lifter arrested

## Eight bikes worth Rs. 4 lakh recovered

Mysuru, July 23 (SBD&KS)- The District Crime Detection Squad has arrested an inter-district two-wheeler lifter and have recovered eight motorbikes worth Rs. 4 lakh from him.

A complaint regarding a two-wheeler parked near a shop at Hullahalli in Nanjangud, being stolen was lodged at Hullahalli Police Station, following which SP N. Vishnuvardhan had constituted Crime Detection Squad, led by Additional SP L. Nagesh.

ASI Satish and staff comprising Abdul Lathif, Bhaskar and Ashok, arrested the accused and recovered eight stolen bikes from him. The recovered bikes are as follows: Hero Splendour Plus (KA-09-HH-1915) stolen from Hullahalli Police limits; Two Passion Pro bikes (KA-55-Q-2980 and KA-53-S-9297) and Honda Plus (KA-09-EH-7663) stolen from Mysuru's Devaraja Police limits; Passion Pro (KA-45-K-9709) stolen from KR Police limits in Mysuru; Honda Splendour Plus (KA-11-W-5811) and Honda Splendour (KA-55-J-2009) stolen from Mandya West Police limits; Splendour Plus (KA-11-EL-0048) stolen from Mandya East Police Station.

# Police nab house burglar

## Gold, silver worth Rs. 7.35 lakh recovered

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&KS)- The Mysuru District Crime Detection Squad personnel have arrested a house burglar and have recovered gold ornaments and silver articles worth Rs. 7.35 lakh from him.

On Jan. 15, burglary had occurred at the house of Jayanna at Goddanapura in Nanjangud taluk. The burglar had decamped with 184 grams gold ornaments, 70 grams silver articles and one mobile phone, all worth Rs. 9.65 lakh.

Nanjangud Rural Police, who had registered a case began investigation and the District Crime Detection Squad personnel, led by Additional Superintendent Police L. Nagesh conducted an operation, traced the accused and arrested him on July 4. They recovered 99 grams gold ornaments and 67 grams silver articles worth Rs. 7,35,000 from him.

SP N. Vishnuvardhan and ASP L. Nagesh guided ASI Satish and staff Abdul Lathif, Bhaskar and Ashok in the nabbing and recovery operation.

# 102-year-old passes away

KRS, July 23- Nanjamma (102), wife of late Dundaiah and a resident of KRS, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind three sons, daughters-in-law, three daughters, sons-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held yesterday evening at KRS, according to family sources.

# 19 active dengue cases in Mysuru district: DHO

*Dr. Kumaraswamy*

Mysuru, July 23 (PM&VNS)- The dengue cases in the district are under control with only 19 active cases, said District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy, here yesterday.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Kumaraswamy said, a total of 4,726 blood samples had been tested for dengue from January this year, out of which 599 were tested positive and only 19 cases were active as on July 22.

"The positivity rate compared to last year has decreased as the testing has been increased by 34 percent. It is common that, the positive cases go up with the increase in testing the blood samples. More number of testing will help in detecting cases and also initiate measures to prevent further spread of the disease," he added.

Dr. Kumaraswamy mentioned that, the department officials had till date visited 7.86 lakh houses in the district and did surveys for larvae and destroyed them.

"We have been carrying out special surveys on every Friday, with the help of various associations to destroy mosquito larvae. Guppy fish is also being let into the lakes and ponds to destroy the larvae," Dr. Kumaraswamy added. Seeking people's co-operation to check multiplication of mosquitoes, Dr. Kumaraswamy advised people to visit the doctor on having dengue symptoms like sudden high fever, severe headache, pain behind the eyes, joint and muscle pain, nausea, vomiting, swollen glands, rashes appearing three to four days after the fever.


# ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ,
ನೀಸ&ಒ.ಚ (ಪೂರ್ವ) ವಿಭಾಗ, ವಾವಿನೀಸ ಆವರಣ, ಯಾದವಗಿರಿ, ಮೈಸೂರು

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮೈನಸಾ/ಕಾಇಂ/ನೀಸ&ಒಚ (ಪೂರ್ವ)/ಟಿಎನ್-3/219/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 22/07/2024

## ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ

15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ 4 (ನಾಲ್ಕು) ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹಾಗೂ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ 8 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ 3 ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಸೇವಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ KTPP ನಿಯಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಂತೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

| ಕ್ರ ಸಂ | ವಿವರ | ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ | ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ. ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) | ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಚಾಲ್ತಿಗೆ ಬರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ | ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ | ಸಂಜೆ 4.25 ಗಂಟೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ | ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆ ನಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ |
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| 1 | Kw-1 & Kw-2 | 8 | 138.27 | 22.07.2024 | – | 06.08.2024 | 07.08.2024 |
| 2 | KC-7 | 3 | – | 22.07.2024 | – | 06.08.2024 | 07.08.2024 |
| 3 | ಜರ್ಮನ್ ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಯಂತ್ರಾಗಾರ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ 15.00 ಲಕ್ಷ ಮೇಲ್ಮಟ್ಟದ ಜಲಸಂಗ್ರಹಾರದಿಂದ ಕೊಳವೆ ಮಾರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ಲಿಂಕಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ವಾಲ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ದೇವನೂರು ಯಂತ್ರಾಗಾರದ ಆವರಣದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಂತ್ರಾಗಾರದ ಕಟ್ಟಡ ಹಾಗೂ ಯಂತ್ರಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. ಜ್ಯೋತಿ ನಗರ ಕೆ.ಇ.ಬಿ ಕ್ವಾಟ್ರಸ್ ವೃತ್ತದಿಂದ ಕೆ.ಇ.ಬಿ ಕಚೇರಿವರೆಗೆ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್ ಕೊಳವೆಮಾರ್ಗ ಅಳವಡಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. | 1 | 335.00 | 22.07.2024 | 30.07.2024 | 22.08.2024 | 26.08.2024 |
| 4 | ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರದ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಎ-1617 ಮತ್ತು ಡಿ.ಎಂ.ಎ-1517 ಭಾಗಶಃ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಕುವೆಂಪು ನಗರದ ಕೆ.ಹೆಚ್.ಬಿ ಕಾಲೋನಿ ಒಂದನೇ ಹಂತದ ಬೋದಿ ಸ್ವಪ್ನ ಪಾರ್ಕ್ ಸಮೀಪ 10 ಲಕ್ಷ ಲೀಟರ್ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಮೇಲ್ಮಟ್ಟದ ಜಲಸಂಗ್ರಹಾಗಾರ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿ ಲಿಂಕಿಂಗ್ ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. | 1 | 233.20 | 22.07.2024 | 30.07.2024 | 22.08.2024 | 26.08.2024 |
| 5 | ಮೂಡಾ ನೌಕರರ ಬಡಾವಣೆ ಸಮೀಪದ 600 ಎಂ.ಎಂ ವ್ಯಾಸದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕೊಳವೆ ಮಾರ್ಗದಿಂದ 450 ಎಂ.ಎಂ ವ್ಯಾಸದ ಆರ್.ಸಿ.ಸಿ ಎನ್.ಪಿ-3 ಕೊಳವೆ ಮಾರ್ಗವನ್ನು ವಾಸು ಬಡಾವಣೆ, ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ನಗರ ಐ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್‌ವರೆಗೂ ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ಯಂತ್ರಗುಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಆದಿ ಚುಂಚನಗಿರಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ಪೂಜ ಬೇಕರಿ, ಉಮಾ ಮಹೇಶ್ವರಿ ದೇವಸ್ಥಾನದ ವರೆಗೂ ಮತ್ತು ಆದಿ ಚುಂಚನಗಿರಿ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆಯಿಂದ ವಿವೇಕಾನಂದ ನಗರದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಮುಖೇನ ನೃಪತುಂಗ ರಸ್ತೆಯವರೆಗೂ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ನೀರು ಸಾಗಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಉಪ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕೊಳವೆ ಮಾರ್ಗ (ಲಾಟ್‌ರಲ್ಸ್) ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ಯಂತ್ರಗುಂಡಿ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸಿ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ನೀರು ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. | 1 | 430.00 | 22.07.2024 | 30.07.2024 | 22.08.2024 | 26.08.2024 |
| 6 | ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರದ ಕುರಿಮಂಡಿ ವೃತ್ತದಿಂದ ನಗುನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ ಪುಷ್ಪಾಶ್ರಮ ಬಳಿ ಇರುವ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕೊಳವೆಮಾರ್ಗದ ವರೆಗೆ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕೊಳವೆಮಾರ್ಗವನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ಯಂತ್ರಗುಂಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಡಾ॥ ರಾಜ್‌ಕುಮಾರ್ ರಸ್ತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂದಿರಾ ಕ್ಯಾಂಟೀನ್‌ನಿಂದ ತ್ರಿವೇಣಿ ವೃತ್ತದ ವರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಎನ್.ಎಲ್ ಕಚೇರಿ ಹತ್ತಿರದಿಂದ ತ್ರಿವೇಣಿ ವೃತ್ತದವರೆಗೆ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕೊಳವೆಮಾರ್ಗವನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ ಯಂತ್ರಗುಂಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಫೌಂಟೇನ್ ವೃತ್ತದಿಂದ ಸುಭಾಷ್‌ನಗರದ ವರೆಗೆ, ಸುಭಾಷ್‌ನಗರ 2ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಎನ್.ಆರ್ ಮೊಹಲ್ಲಾ ಶಿವಾಜಿ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ನೀರು ಸಾಗಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಕೊಳವೆಮಾರ್ಗಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳವಡಿಸಿ, ಯಂತ್ರಗುಂಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ. | 1 | 280.00 | 22.07.2024 | 30.07.2024 | 22.08.2024 | 26.08.2024 |

ವಿಶೇಷ ಸೂಚನೆ : ಮುಂದೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸೂಚನೆ / ಬದಲಾವಣೆ / ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಯಾವುದೇ ಪತ್ರಿಕಾ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು
ನೀಸ&ಒಚ (ಪೂರ್ವ) ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮೈ.ನ.ಪಾ., ಮೈಸೂರು

# 7 Budgets, 7 Sarees

## Tribute to India's handloom heritage

New Delhi, July 23 (Agencies)- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman wore an off-white Mangalgiri saree with a magenta border from Andhra Pradesh to present the full Budget for 2024-25. Earlier in Feb. 2024, she wore a blue saree with Kantha stitch work, famous in West Bengal, while presenting the 2024 interim Budget.

In 2023, she opted for a red temple border saree, belonging to the Karnataka Dharwad region's Ilkal silk saree with Kasuti work, which is hand-woven. In 2022, Nirmala Sitharaman wore a brown Bomkai saree, paying tribute to the handloom of Odisha from the Ganjam district.

In 2021, she chose an off-white Pochampally saree, known for its unique patterns, from Pochampally Village in Hyderabad. In 2020, she wore a yellow silk saree with a matching blouse to present the Budget. Yellow is considered a symbol of prosperity in India, and her saree was seen as symbolising the country's rich culture and wealth.

In 2019, Nirmala Sitharaman replaced the traditional Budget briefcase with a red 'bahi khata,' symbolising prosperity, adorned with golden threads and a national emblem on top. She wore a pink Mangalgiri saree with golden borders on this occasion.

## WHAT IS CHEAPER

- Gold, silver, platinum making charges
- Mobile phones, chargers, accessories
- Cancer drugs
- Medical X-ray machines
- Equipment using solar cells, panels
- Fish and shrimp feed
- Leather goods
- Footwear
- Textiles
- 25 critical minerals

## WHAT IS COSTLIER

- Ammonium nitrate
- PVC flex banners
- Imported telecom equipment

# Union Budget-2024

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Introducing the Prime Minister's package of five schemes and initiatives to facilitate employment, skilling and other opportunities for 4.1 crore youth over five years with a central outlay of Rs 2 lakh crore, Sitharaman said: "This year, we have made a provision of Rs 1.48 lakh crore for education, employment and skilling."

She added that the government has extended the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana for five years, which is benefiting 80 crore people.

**Standard deduction limit**

The government has increased the Standard Deduction limit to Rs. 75,000, allowing the salaried class to save up to Rs. 17,500 in taxes under the new regime. This change, up from Rs 50,000, was widely anticipated, with hopes for a rise to Rs. 1 lakh.

Additionally, the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed raising the long-term capital gains tax from 10 percent to 12.5 percent. A comprehensive review of the Income Tax Act has also been announced, aiming to simplify taxation norms and potentially provide further relief to taxpayers, enhancing their disposable income.

**TDS and angel tax**

The Tax Deducted at Source (TDS) rate on e-commerce operators has been reduced from 1 percent to 0.1 percent. This reduction lowers the tax compliance burden on e-commerce businesses and facilitates smoother transactions.

The abolition of the angel tax provides significant relief to startups by eliminating the tax on investments received above the fair market value of their shares. This move is expected to foster innovation and growth in the startup ecosystem.

The tax deduction on National Pension Scheme (NPS) contributions has been raised from 10 percent of the salary to 14 percent of the salary. This increase covers both government employees and private company employees, encouraging higher savings in the NPS.

**Family pensioners**

Under the new tax regime, income received on the buyback of shares will now be taxed in the hands of the recipient. This ensures that shareholders are directly taxed on the gains they realize from buybacks.

The deduction for family pensioners has been enhanced from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000. This change aims to provide additional financial relief to pensioners, benefiting approximately 4 crore salaried and pensioner individuals.

**Natural farming**

In the next two years, one crore farmers will be initiated in natural farming, she said. Large-scale vegetable production clusters would be promoted to increase output, she stated.

The Government will release new 109 high-yielding, climate-resilient seeds for 32 field and horticulture crops. According to her, the implementation of various schemes announced in the interim budget in February is still underway.

**Guarantee scheme for MSMEs**

Nirmala said the Government will come out with a credit guarantee scheme for MSMEs to facilitate term loans without collateral or third-party guarantee. She proposed central assistance of Rs. 2.2 lakh crore for urban housing over the next five years.

As part of a slew of measures to boost the sector, the Government will reduce the turnover threshold of MSME buyers for mandatory onboarding on TReDs platform from Rs 500 crore to Rs 250 crore.

TReDS is an online platform to help MSMEs (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises).

Among other steps, SIDBI will open 24 new branches to serve MSME clusters. In the Budget, Sitharaman said Rs 2.66 lakh crore is being provided for rural development.

Further, the government will launch a saturation drive under Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM JANMAN).

# Parliamentary milestone with seventh consecutive Budget

New Delhi, July 23 (Agencies)- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman achieved a Parliamentary milestone this morning by presenting her seventh consecutive Budget, a feat previously achieved only by C.D. Deshmukh 68 years ago.

Both Deshmukh, who presented Budgets between 1951 and 1956, and Nirmala Sitharaman have presented six full Budgets and an interim Budget each. Two of Deshmukh's Budgets were presented before the Constitution of the first Lok Sabha in 1952.

In terms of consecutive full Budgets, Nirmala Sitharaman shares the record with former Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who also presented six consecutive Budgets.

Nirmala Sitharaman, the second woman to present a Budget after Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1971, who held the Finance portfolio, and the first full-time Finance Minister, also holds the record for the longest Budget speech, which lasted 2 hours and 40 minutes on Feb. 1, 2020.

Her shortest speech, at 56 minutes, was on Feb. 1 this year when she presented the interim Budget. Her first Budget speech on July 5, 2019, was 2 hours and 17 minutes long, while in 2021, she took 1 hour and 50 minutes, in 2022, it was 1 hour and 32 minutes, and in 2023, her speech lasted 1 hour and 27 minutes.

Regarding word count, Nirmala Sitharaman's first speech had 10,965 words, followed by 13,349 words, 10,594 words, 9,064 words, 8,167 words and 5,271 words.

If she continues as Finance Minister until at least March 2028, she will hold the record for presenting the Budget 11 times. Currently, Morarji Desai holds the record with 10, followed by P. Chidambaram (9) and Pranab Mukherjee (8), along with Deshmukh and Nirmala Sitharaman (7 each).

Finance Ministers Dr. Manmohan Singh, Yashwant Sinha, Chidambaram, Pranab Mukherjee and Arun Jaitley have each presented five consecutive Budgets.

## What is Standard Deduction in Income Tax?

**Under the Indian taxation laws, standard deduction is a provision for salaried employees and taxpayers receiving a pension. The provision allows eligible individuals to claim a deduction of the decided limit from their taxable income without the need to submit any disclosures or investment proofs.**

# Rs. 45 crore facelift for old DC Office

## City may get a Museum and Art Gallery

M.K. Savitha

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&VNS) - The Old Deputy Commissioner's (DC) office, known as 'Attara Kacheri' during the British Regime, is all set to be converted into a museum. The Tourism Department has prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to facelift and conserve the heritage building at a cost of Rs. 45 crore which would be soon submitted to the State Government.

In its proposal, the Tourism Department has mentioned to house some of the rare artifacts including old coins, manuscripts, information on Wadiyar Dynasty, models of the Kings who ruled Mysuru Kingdom among others in the museum. Earlier, the department, under the 'Swadeshi Darshan Scheme' of the Central Government had proposed to develop the old DC office at a cost of Rs. 22 crore. However, with the change of plans, it has now been proposed to develop the heritage building at a cost of Rs. 45 crore. The Museum is also expected to display khadi and other handlooms and handicrafts.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Department of Tourism, Joint Director M.K. Savitha, said that the a meeting of Mysuru District Destination Management Committee headed by the Deputy Commissioner discussed on the matter following which the DPR had been prepared.

"The proposal will be discussed at the State-Level Destination Management Committee meeting following which the DPR would be submitted to the Central Government for the grant of funds. We have also proposed to develop the existing park and install a fountain in front of the museum to attract tourists," she added.

The Tourism Department will also call for objections if any from various Departments including the Police, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Environment, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), Forest Department among others before implementing the project, said Savitha.

With Mysuru being one of the famous tourist destinations and D. Devaraj Urs Road the most preferred shopping destinations for the tourists, the Tourism Department has also proposed to upgrade this road with modern amenities. According to Savitha, it has been proposed to illuminate the entire D.D. Urs Road along with installation of an attractive fountain at the centre to beautify the location.

It has also been proposed to ban vehicular movement on D.D. Urs Road and convert it into a walking path (like the Mall Road in Simla) for the tourists to have a hassle-free shopping. While the parking of tourist vehicles will be allowed on D.D. Urs Road, the authorities are mooting for an alternative parking place for shop owners. However, the final decision in this regard is yet to be announced.

It may be recalled that Tourism Minister H.K. Patil, during his visit to Mysuru last year, had announced that the Old DC office was as ideal place to be converted into a museum.

**Permanent Expo at Dasara Exhibition Grounds**

Meanwhile, Tourism Department has also submitted another Detailed Project Report proposing to set up a permanent exhibition facility at the Dasara Exhibition Grounds. According to Tourism Joint Director Savitha, the facility will enable various organisations to have their expos at one single destination instead of organising them in various locations.

# Dasara-2024 from Oct. 3 to Oct. 12

## DC chairs preliminary meeting

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&BS)- Ahead of *Naada Habba* Mysuru Dasara-2024, Deputy Commissioner (DC) G. Lakshmikanth Reddy chaired a preliminary meeting of District-level Officers at his Office in Siddarthanagar today.

Dasara is scheduled to begin with the puja atop Chamundi Hill on Oct. 3 and culminate with *Jumboo Savari* on *Vijayadashami* Day on Oct. 12.

Today's meeting was the first in relation to the annual festival, a precursor to Dasara High-powered Committee meeting, to be held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

With DC Lakshmikanth Reddy, having had the experience of serving as MCC Commissioner, during Dasara-2023, the festival this year is expected to be organised with a detailed planning, without giving room for any errors.

The Officials reviewed the arrangements made during Dasara previous year and discussed over preparing the proposals for organising *Gajapayana*, the flagging off ceremony of first batch of Dasara elephants from the forest to Mysuru, formation of Dasara Sub-Committees, taking up road works and other development works, to make the annual event attractive for tourists. Most of the proposals related to cultural pageantry shall be submitted to the Government, through Kannada and Culture Department.

During the meeting, it was also discussed about the works to be taken up on priority.

Another round of meeting will be held in the coming days.

Additional Deputy Commissioner P. Shivaraju, MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, MUDA Commissioner A.N. Raghunandan, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, SP N. Vishnuvardhan, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, DCP (Crime and Traffic) S. Jahnavi, Joint Director of Tourism M.K. Savitha, Deputy Director of Mysore Palace Board T.S. Subramanya and other officials attended the meeting.

Officers from Forest Department, Kannada and Culture Department, ZP, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) and Taluk Administration also attended the meeting.

# Day-long District BJP

## Executive Meeting begins

Mysuru, July 23 (BLU&DM)- The day-long Special Executive Meeting of Mysuru District (Rural) BJP began at GLN Convention Hall on Ring Road here this morning.

State BJP General Secretary Nandeesh Reddy, also a former MLA, inaugurated the meeting, during which the party organisational matters, preparations and the strategy to be adopted for Local Body Polls that are likely to be held shortly were discussed.

District (Rural) BJP President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, former MP C.H. Vijayshankar, who is also a former Minister, former MLA B. Harshavardhan, State OBC Morcha President Raghu R. Kautilya, BJP Minority Morcha State President Dr. Anil Thomas and other leaders were present.

# Everyone involved in MUDA scam will be safe, says Prathap Simha

Prathap Simha

Mysuru, July 23 (RK&BCT)- Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha has stated that the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) irregularities have a history spanning nearly five years, including during the term of the BJP Government and expressed scepticism about the ongoing investigations reaching a logical conclusion.

Speaking to reporters in the city yesterday, Simha said, "Nothing will happen in the case of the MUDA scam. No action will be taken regardless of who is involved and it's merely a media brouhaha. Unless Chief Minister Siddaramaiah surrenders the 14 sites allotted to his wife, a comprehensive probe bringing out the truth appears unlikely."

"I am not accusing Siddaramaiah of corruption. He is a two-time CM. Personally, I feel that he is not a money-hungry person. Even if we assume that there is no fault on Siddaramaiah's part, he should have surrendered the 14 sites as soon as the scam came to light and then ordered a probe. However, the CM has demanded Rs. 62 crore. This shows the sad state of affairs. My admiration for the CM has reduced."

"I was hoping that Siddaramaiah would clean up the rot in MUDA. However, given Siddaramaiah's conduct, I believe nothing will come out of the present inquiries into the MUDA scam. It looks like everyone involved in the scam will be safe. The CM does not seem interested in taking the issue to a logical end," he added.

**CM Siddaramaiah should have surrendered 14 sites before ordering a probe; instead, he is demanding Rs. 62 crore**

"The MUDA scam is huge. It is not just a scam of around Rs. 400 or Rs. 500 crore; it could be around Rs. 4,000 crore. It can be recalled that the then Mysuru District in-Charge Minister V. Somanna and the then MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju were removed from their positions when they initiated the process to auction 7,600 MUDA sites in 2019 to mobilise resources. Later, the COVID-19 pandemic delayed the initiative and the auctions did not happen," he said.

# Broomstick protest by JD(S) tomorrow

Mysuru, July 23- Strongly condemning the silence of ST Community Legislators, who have not raised their voice against the Rs. 187 crore Karnataka State Maharshi Valimiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation scam, the JD(S) will hold a broomstick protest against the silent Legislators, at Gandhi Square in the heart of the city at 11 am tomorrow (July 24).

# Tourist vehicle owners, drivers press panic button !

## Loopholes in fixing GPS, panic button in tourist vehicles opposed in protest near RTO

*The members of Mysore District Tourist Vehicles Drivers and Owners Welfare Association along with former MP Prathap Simha submitting a memorandum to Regional Transport Officer West Devika yesterday.*

Mysuru, July 23 (GA&BS)- Mysore District Tourist Vehicles Drivers and Owners Welfare Association staged a protest in front of the Regional Transport Office (RTO) West, on Vani Vilasa Road in the city yesterday, opposing the installation of Geographical Positioning System (GPS) and Panic Button for tourist vehicles, in an unscientific manner.

The protesters demanded that, the Government itself should bear the cost of installing GPS and Panic Button and also slash the tax levied on tourist vehicles by 30 percent. Along with that, action should be taken against those bus operators, who have been getting the registration of their vehicles done outside the State, at the cost of State bus operators, resulting in a huge loss to the State exchequer. Such vehicles should be seized by the RTO or else we will bring all our 250 buses to the RTO and return the documents and keys to RTO, they warned.

Stringent action should be taken against the private vehicles with white board, with self-drive option, taking the people on trip with the service available by booking the same on App. The fine imposed on tourist vehicles on Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway should also be stopped and 10 percent of the total tax, collected from tourist vehicles should be returned, the agitators demanded.

Former Mysuru-Kodagu MP Prathap Simha, who visited the protest site and extended his support to the protest, sought information from the RTO Officials.

Speaking later, Simha said "Following the implementation of Shakti Scheme (which offers free ride for women in KSRTC buses), there are not much takers for private vehicles, pushing those vehicle owners towards the brink of uncertainty. I won't comment much on Shakti Scheme, but it was a good decision on the part of the Centre to fix GPS and Panic Button to public transport vehicles."

"However, it wasn't right to hand over the task of fitting these equipment to 12 private companies through tender, who have been charging exorbitant rates, while they are available at the affordable rates in the range of Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 2,000. Such loopholes should be addressed or else, we will be staging a Statewide protest," he warned.

Association office-bearer Arunkumar, District President C. Ravi, General Secretary Kaushik and others took part in the protest.

# Pay hike, clearance of arrears for KSRTC employees demanded

Mysuru, July 23 (SPN&BS)- D.S. Suresh, Honorary President of KSRTC Employees Union, has urged for fulfilment of demands of KSRTC employees, including hike in salary and clearing salary arrears among others.

He was speaking to media persons, after presiding over a meeting of district office-bearers of KSRTC Employees Union, at Jaladarshini in the city recently.

"The previous BJP Government had given 15 percent salary hike, buckling under the pressure of employees on Jan. 1,2020, followed by the clearance of pending salary of one year. However, the salary arrears spanning 39 months remains unpaid still and the Government should act on this at the earliest," demanded Suresh.

The KSRTC employees should also get the benefit of equal pay on the lines of Government employees, instead of hiking their salary through agreement effective from Jan. 1, 2024. It assumes significance in the wake of the Government's announcement to implement the recommendations of Seventh Pay Commission for Government employees, he added.

The Government should give approval to hold election to the KSRTC Employees Unions that would bridge the gap between the employees and officials. In the absence of adequate representation, the officials have been taking arbitrary decisions upon reaching an agreement, that has led to wage disparity, said Suresh.

# Bus fare hike imminent

Bengaluru, July 23 (KMS& DM)- The bus fare hike seems to be imminent with the State Government reportedly deciding to hike bus fares after the conclusion of the ongoing monsoon session of State Legislature, scheduled to end on July 26.

The State-run Transport Corporations (KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC and KKRTC) have sought a 25 percent hike in bus fares in order to offset the mounting losses due to fuel price hike, wage hike, rise in spare parts prices, taxes and operational costs. A report submitted by the RTCs to the Government had recommended a fare hike of 25 percent as it had become difficult for the Transport Corporations to survive in the face of mounting losses due to various factors.

Pointing out that there has been a steady increase in the operational costs, the report said that the Government's funding for 'Shakti' scheme that allows free travel for women, was meagre and at the same time the wage bills will increase following implementation of 7th Pay Commission recommendations. As such, the Government must approve fare hike, else the RTCs financial position will deteriorate with each passing day.

### 42nd Senior Nationals Netball Championship

# Mysurean to lead State women's team

*S. Shivleela*

Mysuru, July 23- Mysuru's S. Shivleela (Captain) will be leading Karnataka women's netball team in the 42nd Senior Nationals Netball Championship to be held in Haryana from July 25 to 28.

Other team members include B.R. Surabhi (Vice-Captain - Ramanagara), Mariya S. Sutar (Belagavi), Monisha Manjunatha (Bengaluru Urban), Nageshwari Dhamnekar (Belagavi), M.V. Muthamma (Dakshina Kannada), Pratheeksha (Dakshina Kannada), H.P. Sneha (Bengaluru Urban), L. Sonali (Bengaluru Urban), G. Swathi (Mysuru), Gouri (Dharwad) and J. Varsha (Bengaluru Urban).

**Karnataka Men's Team:** K. Manoj (Captain - Bengaluru Urban), Puneeth Kumar (Vice-Captain - Dakshina Kannada), S. Abhi (Chamarajanagar), D. Abhinayak (Chamarajanagar), S. Chandu (Chamarajanagar), C. Chiranth Gowda (Hassan), D. Hithesh (Bengaluru Urban), Prathamesh G. Salunkhe (Belagavi), Sumanth K. Shetty (Bengaluru Urban), Shashank (Udupi), Sujan (Mysuru) and Sathya Devadiga (Dharwad).

L.G. Manasa is the Coach and D.S. Kavya is the Manager for both teams. The teams departed from Bengaluru yesterday to take part in the Championship.

# Mysore Yoga Okkuta team

Mysuru, July 23 (VNS) - The following have been elected as the office-bearers of Mysore Yoga Okkuta for the year 2024-26 during the AGM held on July 21: Founder - T. Jalendra Kumar, Hon. President - Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, President - K.G. Devaraju, Working Presidents - B. Shantharam, Dr. B.P. Murthy and M.S. Shivaprakash, Vice-Presidents - M.S. Ramesh Kumar and N. Ashadevi, General Secretary - Yogakumar, Treasurer - Narasimha, Assistant Secretaries - Shubalakshmi, S. Purushotham and Shilpa, Organising Secretaries - K. Chandru, Kumuda, Manikantan and Rajashekar Murthy; Directors - A. Lakshmamma, Madhubala Gupta and B.S. Lakshmi.

# MYSORE RACES 2024

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

## Sheeba Vs Mystic Bond for Mysore Trophy

**Mysuru, July 23- Following are the selections for the 2nd day of Mysore Summer Races to be held here on July 24, 2024:**

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| 1. | 2.00 PM | **THE VARANASI PLATE**<br>1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25<br>*1. COUNTRY'S LIGHT 2. ARMAMENT* |
| 2. | 2.30 PM | **THE PASCHIMAVAHINI PLATE**<br>1400 mts. - rated 00 to 25<br>*1. COORG GENERAL 2. WHITE LIES* |
| 3. | 3.00 PM | **THE MYSORE TROPHY DIV. - II**<br>1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65<br>*1. AABUSHAN 2. MOONLIGHT QUEEN* |
| 4. | 3.30 PM | **THE KONARK PLATE**<br>1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45<br>*1. RISING SUN 2. NRI MILLENNIUM* |
| 5. | 4.00 PM | **THE MYSORE TROPHY DIV. - I**<br>1200 mts. - rated 40 to 65<br>*1. SHEEBA 2. MYSTIC BOND* |
| 6. | 4.30 PM | **THE ITARSI PLATE**<br>1400 mts. - rated 60 and above<br>*1. PRINCE CORPORATE 2. KUSHAQ* |
| 7. | 5.00 PM | **THE DODDABALLAPURA PLATE**<br>1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45<br>*1. SERAI 2. ROADRUNNER* |

***DAY'S BEST:*** *PRINCE CORPORATE*
***DOUBLE:*** *1. AABUSHAN 2. SERAI*
***JACKPOT:*** *3, 4, 5, 6, 7* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *4, 5, 6, 7*
***I TREBLE:*** *2, 3, 4* ***II TREBLE:*** *5, 6, 7*
***EXACTAS:*** *1 to 7* ***—Tipster PGC***

# Expired snacks, beverages dumped along Varuna Canal

## Thousands of toxic materials, cartons of energy drinks threaten public safety and environmental health

Mysuru, July 23 (MTY&BCT)- Thousands of expired and toxic snack packets, flavoured milk, energy drinks, fruit and aerated beverage pouches, mini containers and bottles from reputed manufacturing companies have been irresponsibly dumped by miscreants on Varuna Canal embankment near Shanthaveri Gopalagowda Nagar.

The banks of the Canal are filled with colourful packets, cartons and hazardous plastic wrappers and covers. This waste poses a severe threat to the local population, children and animals, prompting urgent calls from environmentalists and the public to file criminal cases against the dealers and suppliers of such expired consumables.

For years, certain dealers have been disposing of expired food and beverage items recklessly, bypassing proper scientific disposal methods. They have been dumping these hazardous materials along roadsides, stormwater drains, Government Gomala land, at the foot of Chamundi Hill and in open fields.

This negligence has already caused significant harm, including the death of livestock in areas like Gundurao Nagar and Gaurishankar Nagar, where animals succumbed to respiratory and digestive issues after ingesting the contaminated waste.

**Compromising public safety**

Despite the gravity of the situation, some dealers and suppliers continue to exhibit dangerous practices that compromise public safety. Even though regulatory compliance is required to handle such products, these dealers are flouting law by indiscriminately discarding expired items. Immediate legal action and stringent enforcement are crucial to address this growing environmental and public health crisis.

The reckless dumping of expired beverages and containers along the Varuna Canal embankment has sparked serious alarm among local residents. These discarded items, which attract curious children, pose a significant risk of life-threatening consequences if consumed.

Despite clear directives for the scientific disposal of expired food and beverages, many dealers are circumventing proper procedures by dumping waste in remote areas or on the outskirts. This ongoing issue demonstrates a disturbing pattern of negligence that compromises both public safety and environmental health.

**Greens call for action**

"Dumping of expired products poses severe risks to both human and animal health. The responsible parties must be identified and held accountable to prevent further incidents," said S. Shailajesha, an environmental activist.

To prevent further harm, environmental activists have demanded immediate and stringent actions. The District Administration, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and the Police must act decisively to remove the waste and identify those responsible for this environmental crime.

Legal action must be pursued against the companies involved, leveraging package codes to trace and penalise the negligent dealers. The failure to address this issue promptly risks escalating the problem and causing even greater harm in the future, stated the concerned citizens.

# HDK also a beneficiary of MUDA alternative site: KPCC Spokesperson

Mysuru, July 23 (MTY&BS)- KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana has turned the tables on Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK), accusing the latter of also being a beneficiary of alternative site at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Addressing a press meet in city on Monday, Lakshmana vowed to disclose all before the media in Bengaluru, about the way HDK opted to get sites, along with incriminating documents. He alleged that the role of BJP and JD(S) leaders is more in MUDA scam, including BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra.

He (Vijayendra) has carried out irregularities in the name of his cousin (son of his aunt, the sister of his father and former CM B.S. Yediyurappa). But attempts are being made to portray CM Siddaramaiah, as a culprit in the scam, with BJP leaders forcing Jawaraiah (grandson of late Ninga, the original owner of 3.16 acres of land at Kesare, that was later bought by CM's brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy), to lodge a complaint with Deputy Commissioner, he alleged.

**On MP Yaduveer**

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has not visited the rain affected areas and hear the grievances of people, with both Mysuru and Kodagu receiving rainfall. Power supply is disrupted in several places and a landslide has occurred on National Highway in Madikeri. But still, the MP has failed to respond to the woes of the people, he said.

"Despite losing the recent Lok Sabha polls (to Wadiyar), I have visited over 40 places, but you (Wadiyar) made a perfunctory visit to Madikeri and conducted District Development Co-ordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting, received felicitation and did a photo op at Mysuru City Railway Station," Lakshmana chided Yaduveer.

**Develop N.R. Constituency**

He also insisted that Yaduveer should think over developing N.R. Assembly Constituency too, where he has secured 65,000 votes. During the tenure of Congress Government at the Centre, funds to the tune of Rs. 2,000 crore had been released under JnNURM. Hence, Yaduveer should focus on development works, he demanded.

# Advocates stage protest

Mysuru, July 23 (GA&DM)- Strongly condemning the action of a Civil Judge at Badami in Bagalkot, who ordered the detention of an advocate for a silly reason, Mysuru city advocates voluntarily boycotted the court proceedings and staged a demonstration in front of the District Courts Complex on Krishnaraja Boulevard here yesterday.

Maintaining that it was wrong on the part of Badami Civil Judge to have detained an advocate for 4 hours in the Court for the reason that his client did not appear in the court in time, the advocates registered their protest by boycotting the court proceedings and raising slogans condemning the unjustified detention of the advocate. Mysore Bar Association President S. Lokesh, office-bearers Sudhir, Chandrashekar, Charanraj, Bharath and others took part.

## WORD OF THE DAY

### Extenuate

**Pronunciation:** ik-STEN-yuh-wayt (Verb)
**Meaning:** Extenuate is a formal word that is most often used to mean "to lessen the strength or effect of something, such as a risk." In legal use, to extenuate a crime, offense, is to lessen or to try to lessen its seriousness or extent by making partial excuses.
**Origin:** Extenuate is most familiar in the phrase "extenuating circumstances," which refers to situations or facts that provide a partial justification or excuse for something. The word extenuate can, however, also be used all on its own. Its most typical use is with the meaning "to lessen the strength or effect of something, such as a risk," but it also has legal use closely related to the meaning of "extenuating circumstances." Extenuate didn't get its start in this semantic territory. It was borrowed into English in 1500s with a now-archaic meaning it took directly from its Latin forebear, extenuare: "to make light of; to treat as unimportant." Extenuate is today mostly at home in technical and legal contexts, but it occasionally appears in general writing with what may be a developing meaning: "to prolong, worsen, or exaggerate."
**Example:** "Oedipus, paragon of problem-solvers, discovers by the end of the play the limits of his own keen intellect. In trying to outrun his fate, he learns that he is part of a design that is larger than his understanding. But it is as a victim of fate that he finds the freedom to assume a courageous responsibility for deeds committed in ignorance. Nothing can extenuate the horror of acts he spent his adult life trying to avoid." — Charles McNulty, The Los Angeles Times, 12 Sept. 2022

## THE ODD WORD

### Anagapesis

No longer feeling affection for someone you once loved.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Better Safe than Sorry

**Meaning:** When you say 'Better safe than sorry' you mean it's a good idea to take precautionary measures before something bad happens.
Origin: The phrase 'Better safe than sorry' has been traced to the 1800's and is first seen in print in M. Plum's novel, Murder at the Hunting Club.
**Example:** "Put your seatbelt back on. Better safe than sorry!"

## QUOTE BOX

Maybe this world is another planet's hell. **—Aldous Huxley**

## RIDDLE THIS

What goes through cities and fields, but never moves?

*Answer: A road.*

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**
1 Violently assault (4,2)
6 A small warbler or golf stroke
10 "A gin" cocktail get you the girl!
11 Genetic inits.
12 Overeating
14 Rocky hill
16 Intends to
17 Large
19 Water-jug
21 Eye glasses: Pince ___
22 Norse deity
23 Holiday destination
25 Petroleum byproduct
27 Fifth note of the scale
28 Solicit or request earnestly
29 Isaac ___ : the master of science fiction?
32 Tending to be clumsy; loutish
35 ___ up : increases in strength or accelerates sharply?
36 Water in France
38 Serving plate
39 Suffix denoting native or inhabitant
40 Poet Robert
42 Third party program for a smartphone
43 Invariable
45 Electronic Industries Assoc.
46 UP town
47 Meander
48 Plan

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

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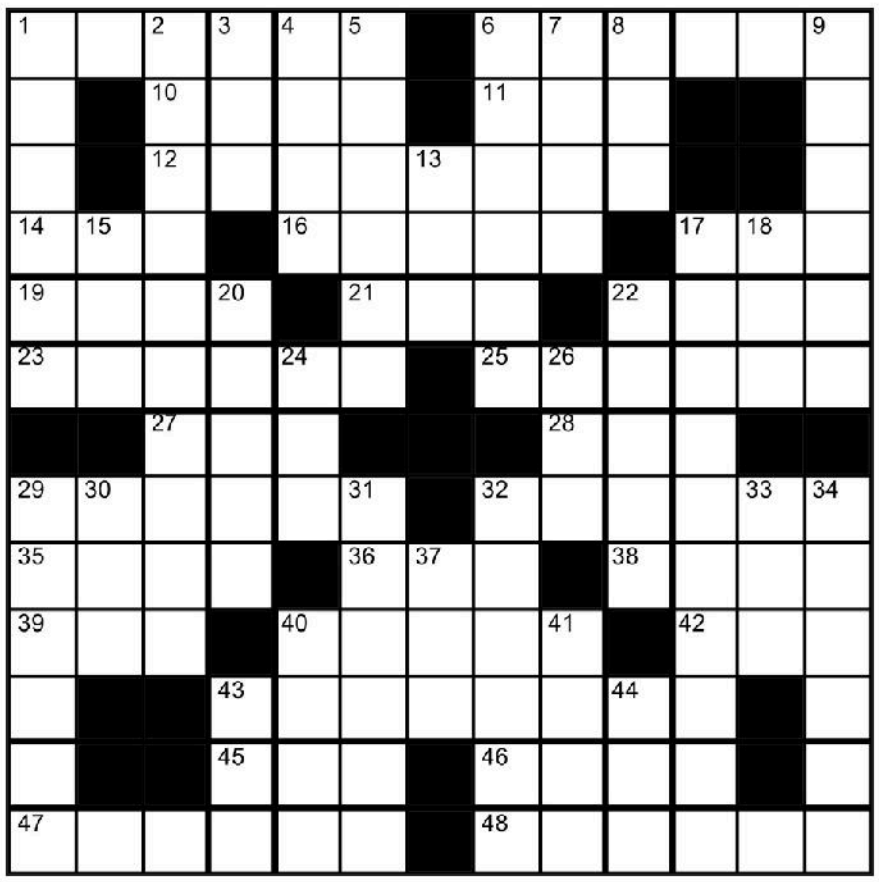
**DOWN**
1 ___ up : flatter
2 Hostile or belligerent
3 The sesame plant or seed
4 E pluribus __
5 Obvious and distinct
6 Third place medal
7 Wayside taverns
8 Satyajit ___ : award winning film maker?
9 A political exile - "regime" anagram?
13 Menlo Park monogram
15 Run a tab
17 Another name for Ganges
18 Charged atom
20 Apartment constituents
22 Robbery
24 Greek letter
26 Not yet decided on a sched.
29 Gets up
30 Fix in position
31 Relating to Spring
32 Ejected or expelled
33 Plant juice
34 Punctuation mark
37 Ancient Order of the Shepherds
40 Fencing sword
41 London gallery
43 Corporate VIP
44 National Academy of Sciences, briefly



## SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

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| 3 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| 8 | 5 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 6 |
| 6 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 5 |
| 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 2 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**USX GXTGAX BST EXU TR NR USNM BTQAF HQX USX GXTGAX**

**BST EXU KG HRF ATTD ITQ USX VNQVKYMUHRVXM USXL**

**BHRU, HRF, NI USXL VHR'U INRF USXY, YHDX USXY.**

**TODAY'S CLUE: G EQUALS P**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** If you put a chain around the neck of a slave, the other end fastens itself around you own.

# MOVIE LOVERS

## NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  *Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  *Hejjaru (K)* - 2 Shows; *Indian 2 (Ta)* - 2 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  *Indian 2 (Ta)* - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  *Not Out (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  *Indian 2 (Ta)* - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Mob: 9886325207
  *Kill (H) - 4 Shows*
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  *Not Out (K)* - 2 Shows; *Hiranya (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  *Twisters (E)* - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  *Kalki 2898 AD (K)* - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  *Shastri (K)* 4 Shows

### DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

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|---|---|---|
| *Bad Newz (H)* | (S-1) | 10.10 am, 1 pm; (S-3) 4.30 pm |
| | (S-4) | 7 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *Accident or Conspiracy Godhra (H)* | (S-1) | 3.45 pm; (S-2) 7.05 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)* | (S-1) | 6.45 pm; (S-3) 1 pm |
| *Darling Why This Kolavari (Te)* | (S-1) | 10.10 pm |
| *Twisters (E)* | (S-2) | 10.30 am; (S-3) 7.25 pm, 10 pm |
| *Hejjaru (K)* | (S-2) | 1.10 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)* | (S-2) | 3.40 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)* | (S-2) | 10.05 pm |
| *Not Out 2024 (K)* | (S-3) | 10.15 am |
| *Inside Out 2 (E-3D)* | (S-4) | 10.55 am |
| *Back Benchers (K)* | (S-4) | 1 pm |
| *Indian 2 (Ta)* | (S-4) | 3.30 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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|---|---|---|
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)* | : | 1.10 pm, 7.45 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)* | : | 6.30 pm |
| *Kadaloora Kanmani (K)* | : | 1.15 pm |
| *Love Li (K)* | : | 1.25 pm |
| *Back Benchers (K)* | : | 1.40 pm |
| *Hejjaru (K)* | : | 4.05 pm |
| *Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare (K)* | : | 4.15 pm, 7.15 pm |
| *Ameena (H)* | : | 4.30 pm |
| *Indian 2 (Ta)* | : | 4.35 pm, 7.50 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

**Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139**

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|---|---|---|
| *Bad Newz (H)* | : | 10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 9.15 pm, 10 pm |
| *Twisters (E)* | : | 10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 4 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Twisters (H)* | : | 6.45 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K-2D)* | : | 10.45 am |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)* | : | 2.25 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)* | : | 6.05 pm |
| *Vidyarthi Vidyarthiniyare (K)* | : | 11.40 am |
| *Kill (H)* | : | 11.55 am |
| *Not Out (K)* | : | 12.15 pm |
| *Spy X Family (Japanese)* | : | 2.20 pm |
| *Back Bencherz (K)* | : | 3 pm |
| *Darling (Te)* | : | 3.05 pm |
| *Indian 2 (Ta)* | : | 4.50 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Sarfira (H)* | : | 5.45 pm |
| *Ek Don Teen Chaar (Marathi)* | : | 6.25 pm |
| *Immaculate (E)* | : | 8.20 pm |
| *Hejjaru (K)* | : | 9 pm |

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| *Twisters (E)* | : | 10.05 am, 12.50 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K)* | : | 11.30 am, 3.35 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)* | : | 3.10 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)* | : | 6.50 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (Te)* | : | 10.30 pm |
| *Indian 2 (Ta)* | : | 12.50 pm |
| *Despicable Me 4 (E)* | : | 4.30 pm |
| *Hiranya (K)* | : | 6.45 pm |
| *Indian 2 (Te)* | : | 9.45 pm |

# Advances in geriatrics keep super seniors active, healthy

## Senior consultant Dr. B.V. Rajagopal delivers 'Health Talk' at Elder Citizens Council

***Senior consultant Dr. B.V. Rajagopal** (extreme left), **who delivered a 'Health Talk' at Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, recently, being greeted by the office-bearers of the Council.***

***A section of the senior citizens attending the 'Health Talk.'***

Mysuru, July 23 (BCT)- Due to recent demographic changes and advancements in geriatrics, more super senior citizens (above 80 years) are now active and healthy, said Dr. B.V. Rajagopal, an eminent physician and senior consultant in medicine and clinical cardiology. He spoke to a well-attended audience of senior citizens during a recent 'Health Talk' arranged by the Elder Citizens Council, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru.

In his presentation, Dr. Rajagopal explained how trained geriatrics have improved the mortality and hygiene conditions of senior citizens, reducing the need for excessive medication and promoting healthy life.

He highlighted the unfortunate neglect faced by many seniors due to various reasons such as ageing problems, climate conditions, family fragmentation and younger generations migrating for higher studies. This neglect often leads to a lack of emotional support and poor nutrition among seniors.

Dr. Rajagopal emphasised the importance of reducing over-medication by consulting trained geriatricians and recommending regular health check-ups. He discussed various health aspects that need attention, including body composition, DNA, nervous and endocrine systems, cardiovascular health, vision, smell, taste, hypertension, diabetes and memory loss.

He also acknowledged the significant contributions of senior citizens in various fields and stressed the need to encourage and reward their performance and knowledge. He answered numerous questions from the audience.

The event was presided over by Dr. H.M. Nagaraju, President of the Council. Gowdappa, Chairman of the Trust, K.S. Krishna, Secretary, Prof. Javare Gowda, Baig, Sanna Ninge Gowda, Dr. K. Shankare Gowda, K.V. Ramanath, S.V. Venkateshaiah, Dr. Ramachandre Gowda, G.M. Made Gowda, Dr. B.R. Sainath, Susheela D. Pulay, Somu, D. Srinivas, Latha, Ramanna, V.N. Achar and others were present.

## EVENTS TODAY (JULY 23)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, Dattanagar, **6.30 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 24)

- **Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetham and Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram, Mysuru:** 21st Chaturmasya Vrata Deeksha by junior pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji, Srichakra Puja, Maha Ganapathy Homa, Kumkumarchana to Sri Rajarajeswari Devi, **9 am;** Chaturmasya Discourse on Sri Brahmanda Purana, Universal Prayer Hall, Ashram premises, Dattanagar, **6.30 pm.**

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| *Kalki 2898 AD (K)* | : | 11.40 am, 6.05 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)* | : | 2.50 pm |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (H-3D)* | : | 9.30 pm |
| *Twisters (E)* | : | 1.20 pm, 3.20 pm, 7.45 pm, 9.45 pm |
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| *Back Bencherz (K)* | : | 11.35 am |
| *Kalki 2898 AD (K)* | : | 11.50 am |
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| *Kalki 2898 AD (Te-3D)* | : | 10 pm |
| *Kadaloora Kanmani (K)* | : | 2.20 pm |
| *Not Out (K)* | : | 3.30 pm |
| *Indian 2 (Ta)* | : | 5.50 pm |
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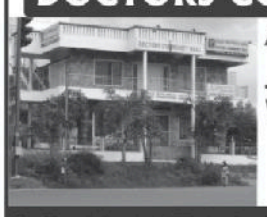

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